

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2008**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, in the City Hall Executive Conference Room, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California prior to the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the Park Ranger Program Options, the upcoming Second Annual Commissioner Training scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008, at El Dorado Park West Community Center in Long Beach, CA, and to review the agenda. The workshop was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Commissioner Baker, with Commissioners Hall, Thomas, Tigner (arrived at 6:25 p.m.) and Wibert present. Commissioner Echandi and Chairperson Tahan were absent.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Commissioner Baker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Wibert and an Invocation given by Commissioner Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Baker, Hall, Thomas, Tigner, and Wibert.

Absent: Chairperson Tahan, Commissioner Echandi

Present: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Managers Kyla Brown, and Frances Hernandez; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Luis Villalobos; Community Services Supervisors Karen Gerber; Michael Wright; City Clerk Tonia Lewis; and Temporary Office Assistant, Frances McCauley.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH:

Chairperson Tahan and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized the following employees as Employees of the Month for September:

MALLORY KING

Mallory has been a part of the City of Fontana Community's Services Department Team for three years. As part-time staff, Mallory has played a key role in the development and operations of many different programs throughout the department's divisions. From Tiny Tots to Community Center programming to Offsite Classes, she has shown her ability to adapt while still providing superior customer service to the Fontana Community.

This past April, Mallory was promoted to full time status as a Community Center Coordinator I in the Facilities Division. Mallory's new duties are to coordinate and oversee facility rentals at the new Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center where she will also help with the planning of several other recreational programs and special events that the Center will host.

Mallory enjoys working and living in Fontana while attending school at Chapman University. She says her favorite thing about working for the City is the different opportunities to learn that are presented to her everyday.

Let's congratulate Mallory for her outstanding contribution the Fontana Community Services Team and to the residents of Fontana.

RENE LEDEZMAN

Mr. Rene Ledezma began with the City of Fontana in January of 2007. While working for the Fontana After School Program he has proven himself time and time again to be an integral part of the Community Services Division. Rene has played a key role in the success and implementation of various youth programs held at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. He is constantly providing support in various areas and assisting with special events that are held city wide.

Rene is currently a Site Supervisor at Fontana Middle School's After School Program. Not only does Rene help in every area that he can, he does it with a great attitude. Rene is always positive and excited to be at work which makes him a favorite with co-workers and participants. Rene's loyalty and dedication have proven to be of value. His commitment to work and willingness to do whatever it takes makes Rene an irreplaceable member of the Community Services Department. We are pleased to recognize him as the employee of the month.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Veterans Day Youth Essay Awards - Jesse Sandoval, 18240 Grove Place, Fontana, CA. Mr. Sandoval presented the saving bond awards for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Youth Veterans Day Essays Contest. The contest name has been changed in honor of a great leader, former councilman, teacher and treasurer, to the Dr. Charles Kohler Essay Contest.

Fontana Aquatics Update - Gloria Zapata, Fontana. Ms. Zapata announced a tentative agreement was reached with the Parks and Recreations Department. The Parks and Recreation Commission were invited to attend the November 8-9, 2008, inaugural event to be held at the Tom Sawyer Pool.

Fontana Art Association Building Update - Rebecca Peck, 9014 Buckeye Drive, Fontana, CA. Ms. Peck distributed pictures to show the various stages of renovation taking place. Currently, two pottery classes are being taught by Ms. Peck. The Art Depot volunteered use of its facilities for the classes. A valuable donation of pottery equipment was donated by resident Richard Owens. Estimated completion of the renovation is scheduled by the end of the year.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approve minutes from the September 10, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

- B. Accept Staff Reports
 - a. Community Services Department – August 2008 – Garth W. Nelson, Community Services Director

 - b. Parks and Landscape Division – September 2008 – Dan West, Public Works Manager

Motion made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ORAL REPORT – LUIS VILLALOBOS

Supervisor Villalobos updated the Parks and Recreation Commission on the following parks and facilities development: Completion of the San Sevaine Park Basketball Court Lights; Sierra Ave. and 1-10 Landscape installation, construction began August 6, 2008; Fernandez Park, construction began June 16, 2008 and scheduled completion for December 2008; Fontana Park Progress Update, Grand Opening scheduled for October 25, 2008.

No motion was made to accept the staff report as presented.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE - MICHAEL WRIGHT

Supervisor Wright reviewed the recent events which occurred during the month of September. There was one event in September, Cruise Night. Attendance was 4,000 with 400 cars and motorcycles participating. The event had a live band, a DJ, food and craft vendors, art events and an artist showcase.

Also, the Parks and Recreation Commission were informed of the upcoming events for the month of October which include: Teen Fest, Artist Showcase, Family Art Day, Red Ribbon Breakfast, Fontana Park Grand Opening, and Halloween Events. As of this date, three events are scheduled for November, Cruise Night, Veteran's Day, Art in the Park.

No motion was made to accept the staff report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:**FONTANA PARK GRAND OPENING - MICHAEL WRIGHT**

Michael Wright recapped the Fontana Park Grand Opening on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. To start the event, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with a tribute to Jessie Turner, speeches from the Mayor and City Council; there will be free donuts and coffee. A live band performance by "The Answer" from 11:00 until 4:00 p.m. The Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Center will hold class and fitness demonstrations, activities in the gymnasium, and a special guest motivational speaker, Steve Lavin. In addition, there will be crafts, a Tiny Tots preview, and a jazz band. The Aquatics Center will have water polo demonstrations, free swimming, class registration, water slides, vendors, and free give-a-ways. The Dog Park will have K-9 demonstrations by the Fontana Police Department, vendors, Pet Smart will be in attendance, and the public will be able to unleash their dog inside the park. The Promenade will have street performers, a live DJ, temporary public art and cultural arts information. The Skate Park will be open with skate and bike demonstrations, vendors skate professional autograph session, free give-a-ways, radio station X-103.9 FM will have a live broadcast and there will be open bike and skate sessions.

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM UPDATE - KAREN GERBER

Karen Gerber recapped the upcoming scheduled Halloween activities. The Halloween events will be held throughout the community at the following areas:

- Don Day Neighborhood Center, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Mary Vagle Museum and Nature Center, October 31st from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Jack Bulik Teen Center, October 24th from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
- Josephine Knopf Senior Center, October 20th when the dinning room will be transformed into a Haunted Eatery. On October 31st a Halloween luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Miller Fitness Center, at Miller Park, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Heritage Neighborhood Center, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center, Fontana Dog Park, October 28th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Nelson, from Community Services thanked the Department for putting together a wonderful Fontana Park Grand Opening and for a job well done. The public is invited to come and experience this new facility. Congratulations were also given to the Parks and

Landscaping Division for their hard work. Director Nelson stated he was excited about partnering with Fontana Aquatics and is looking forward to the development of young competitive swimmers and children having a great experience. An appreciation was given to all the efforts of the volunteers.

Manager Brown stated she has received messages from the Lewis Library that tonight was the College Fair from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. a united effort of the Unified School District. Reports are state that the Library is packed and hopefully this will carry over to the upcoming Teen Fest on October 11th. Center Stage is now performing a new production, part of a Broadway series, "Five Men Named MOE", tickets are \$48.00 a person. The play has received great reviews. For tickets call - 909-429-SHOW.

Manager Hernandez reiterated Manager Brown's comments and invited the Commission and community to come out and see the children play on the Youth Roller Hockey teams, and the Peewee and Youth Flag football games.

Manager West had no comment.

City Clerk Lewis stated petitions for the Christmas parade are now available. The parade will be on December 13th starting at 10:00 a.m. The theme this year is "A Cowboy Christmas". Those who want an application call, 909-350-7655.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Wibert regarding the Children's Safety Fair, thank you to the Fontana Police Department and the S.P.D., the vendors and volunteers, and Heather Howard. There were two park cleanups, at Veterans Park there were 206 individuals and at Metrolink 186 individuals. Thank you to everyone of the volunteers and to Robert Aanerud and staff. On Saturday, October 11th there will be a Teen Fest at Southridge Park at 12:00 p.m. Congratulations to Mr. Henry Rivas, a professor at Chaffey College, on his receiving an Distinguished Service Award from the JJDPC. Congratulations also to the softball team, "Twisted Sisters" on their third place state championship victory. A reminder to the residents to continue praying for our troops.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated the AB Varsity team on their victory. Also, congratulations to the freshman team who had its first victory. The public was encouraged to attend the Grand Opening for the Fontana Park; there will be many activities that the family can participate in. An invitation was extended to residents to attend the Country Western Karaoke event, on Saturday, October 18, 2008; at Heritage Neighborhood Center starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance. Call 909-327-1498. We had fun in the past, and looking forward to seeing the community there. The staff was thanked for their continued great job and stated he is proud to be associated with them. A thank you also went to the Mayor and the City Council, we continue to pray for you.

Commissioner Hall had no comments.

Commissioner Baker commented on the Art Association building improvements and thanked the Police Chief Rodney Jones and the Rotary Club for their efforts and

contributions to the bathroom facility. Their contribution allowed this project to move forward faster, at least 4-5 months ahead of schedule.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on November 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Steelworkers' Auditorium, prior to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Lewis Library and Technology Center 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335.

Frances McCauley
Temporary Office Assistant

Michael Tahan
Chairperson